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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/183,594
"PLAYER POSITIONING AND DISTANCE
FINDING SYSTEM" (Joseph A. Bianco *et al.*)
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Dear Examiner Zanelli

In follow up to your December 8, 1994, interview with Curtis Vock in the above referenced patent application, please find attached a proposed set of claim amendments. In accord with your discussions with Curtis, we have amended claim 43 and added new independent claim 46. Amended claim 43, for the most part, combines the limitations of claims 36 and 13, as originally filed. New claim 46 essentially combines the limitations of claims 1, 2, and 11, as originally filed.

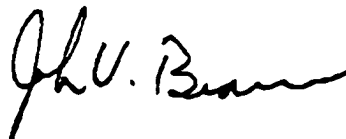
Also, please find attached a copy of In Re Gordon, 733 F.2d 900 (1984), a case that we believe to be on point with regard to the appropriateness of your § 103 rejection based on the combination of Barber and Germain.

Additionally, there does appear to exist a GPS network that allows a user to transmit to the satellite constellation. As we currently understand that system, it is called ARGOS, and is typically used for locating oceanographic instruments. Apparently, those instruments transmit signals to ARGOS, and researchers can pole ARGOS to obtain the position of the instruments. Please be cautioned that we have only conducted preliminary research into the ARGOS system.

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Thank you for agreeing to review a proposed set of claim amendments. Please don't hesitate to call me at the number below to discuss any comments you might have. If I am unavailable, you can reach Curtis Vock at (617) 248-7367.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John V. Bianco".

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